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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Matsuda, et al.

Application No: 09/191,277

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
AUTOMATIC NETWORK  
CONFIGURATION

Examiner: P. Tran

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PROPOSED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed March 4, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) A method of initializing a device on a network comprising:  
requesting configuration information from a remote device coupled to the network  
in response to connecting the device to the network;  
waiting a period of time for a response to the request for configuration  
information;